

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1.-8. (Cancelled, without prejudice)

9. (Original) A method of test strip qualification comprising:

providing a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second control reaction area;

obtaining PT results for each reaction area; and

comparing test strip results from said first control reaction area to a first set of criteria substantially and comparing results from said second control reaction area to a second set of criteria substantially as represented in figure 4.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said first set of criteria are substantially comprise an upper limit of about 1.9 INR and a lower limit of about 0.60 INR.

11. (Currently Amended) A system programmed to operate according to a method selected from a group of methods consisting of the test strip qualification methods of claims ~~1-9 and 10~~.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, further comprising a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second control reaction area.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium embodying a program to direct a system to perform a method selected from a group of methods consisting of the test strip qualification methods of claims ~~1- 9 and 10~~.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing data representing sample results, wherein said data is made by a method selected from a group of methods consisting of the test strip qualification methods of claims ~~1- 9 and 10~~.